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From: Higuchi, Dean
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 10:25:24 PM
Subject: FW: 8/10/15 statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release

Thanks!

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From: Russo, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:10 PM
To: Angelia Crowther
Cc: Higuchi, Dean
Subject: RE: 8/10/15 statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release

Hi Angelia,

Here is some information on EPA Region 9 personnel on the ground. In Utah, EPA presence is for Navajo Nation, so while the state of Utah is geographically located in EPA Region 8, all of Navajo Nation is geographically located in EPA Region 9.

Here is a list of things going on from the R9 Update I got this morning:

- Currently R9 has 23 staff/contractors on site, with that number likely increasing to closer to 30 later this week.
- R9 continues to have daily communications with Navajo Nation representatives to

coordinate on water sampling, community outreach and other response efforts.

- R9 Administrator Blumenfeld is traveling to the area this week with the Administrator.
- R9 is conducting water sampling along the San Juan River in the Navajo Nation at 11 monitoring sites.
- R9 is working to set up a Region 9-lead public meeting with Navajo Nation citizens. Date: TBA
- Working with Region 6, a toll-free number has been established for citizens requesting sampling for their water well, or if they need water for livestock or agricultural irrigation. EPA will be doing the sampling. The number is 844-607-9700.
- EPA (R9) is paying for water hauling services to deliver water to areas impacted by the discharge. The wells for the NTUA - Montezuma Creek public water system were shut down as a precaution prior to the contaminant plume reaching the area. NTUA will be providing hauled water from the NTUA – Aneth public water system to the Montezuma Creek service area. The Montezuma Creek system is a groundwater system, but some of the wells are 100 feet from the river, so the wells were closed as a precaution.

We are coordinating with State Agencies, Local Agencies, and the Navajo Nation. In addition, we are coordinating with UT, AZ and federal officials at NPS, USGS and BOR.

Thanks,

Rebecca

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From: Angelia Crowther [<mailto:acrowther@utah.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 8:10 PM
To: Russo, Rebecca
Subject: Re: 8/10/15 statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release

Thank you for the press release Rebecca! The release states that EPA has representatives in Utah and you let me know who they are and if they are in contact with local agencies, State agencies, and the Navajo Nation.

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On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 7:35 PM, Russo, Rebecca <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Please find attached the latest statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release.

Rebecca

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